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An Act To Improve Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§3-A, ¶A, as corrected by RR 2007, c. 2, §20, is amended to read:

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, beginning January 1, 2008, as a condition of licensing pursuant to section 3203, each competitive electricity provider in this State must demonstrate in a manner satisfactory to the commission that the percentage of its portfolio of supply sources for retail electricity sales in this State accounted for by new renewable capacity resources is as follows:

- (1) One percent for the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008;
- (2) Two percent for the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009;
- (3) Three percent for the period from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010;
- (4) Four percent for the period from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011;
- (5) Five percent for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012;
- (6) Six percent for the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013;
- (7) Seven percent for the period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014;
- (8) Eight percent for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015;
- (9) Nine percent for the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016; and
- (10) Ten percent for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

New renewable capacity resources used to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph may not be used to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3. The competitive electricity provider of a new renewable capacity resource used to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph must supply all of the electricity from its renewable resource generating facility to the New England Power Pool control area or the

northern Maine independent system for a minimum period of one year. If a competitive electricity provider under this paragraph imports electricity into the State from a renewable resource generating facility located outside of the New England Power Pool or the northern Maine independent system, the delivery of the electricity may not be subject to economic withholding or curtailment except for the event of a planned or forced transmission line outage preventing the import of the electricity or when the applicable interpool tie lines are operating at full transfer capacity. A competitive electricity provider that fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph may not be considered eligible as a new renewable capacity resource under this subsection for 12 months and is subject to any other action determined appropriate by the commission.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a competitive electricity provider of a new renewable capacity resource in the portfolio of supply sources for retail electricity sales in the State must supply all of the electricity from its renewable resource generation facility to the New England Power Pool or the northern Maine independent system for a minimum period of one year. A competitive electricity provider that imports its electricity from a generating facility located outside of the New England Power Pool or the northern Maine independent system may not subject the delivery of electricity to economic withholding or curtailment except for a transmission line outage or when the interpool tie lines are operating at full transfer capacity. A competitive electricity provider that fails to comply with the provisions of this bill will not be considered eligible as a new renewable capacity resource for 12 months.